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SUBJ: GROMYKO VISITS TO SYRIA AND EGYPT

REF: MOSCOW 3228, DAMASCUS 203, CAIRO 1085

1. MFA MID EAST DIRECTOR VERED MARCH 8 TOLD US SHE  
REGARDED GROMYKO'S CAIRO VISIT A SHORING-UP OPERATION OF  
VERY LIMITED SUCCESS IN LIGHT OF NEW US ENTRY ONTO EGYPTIAN  
SCENE, BUT AIM AND RESULTS OF GROMYKO SOJOURN IN DAMASCUS  
WERE STILL UNJWEAR TO HER. IT WAS POSSIBLE THAT THREATENING  
TONE OF REFERENCE IN SYRIAN-SOVIET COMMUNIQUE TO DANGER OF  
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MILITARY FLAREUP ON ISRAELI-SYRIAN CEASEFIRE LINE WAS MERELY

REACTION TO RECENT HEIGHTENING OF TENSION ALONG LINE. BUT IT COULD ALSO HAVE BEEN MEANT BY SOVIETS AS WARNING TO US AND ISRAEL (AND EVEN SADAT) THAT USSR FROM NOW ON WOULD HAVE TO BE CUT IN ON THE ACTION IN SPHERE OF MID EAST SETTLEMENT EFFORTS.

2. MRS VERED SAID SHE WAS REASONABLY SURE THAT SOVIETS DID NOT WANT TO SEE RENEWED FIGHTING BETWEEN ISRAEL AND SYRIA BECAUSE SITUATION WOULD BE HARD TO CONTAIN. BUT SOVIETS OBVIOUSLY WERE PREPARED TO TAKE SOME RISKS ON THIS SCORE FOR PURPOSES OF STIFFENING SYRIAN BARGAINING STAND AND INDUCING US TO TRY TO WEAKEN ISRAEL'S. ONE THEREFORE COULD NOT DISCOUNT POSSIBILITY THAT SOVIETS WERE HELPING SYRIANS GET READY AT LEAST ON CONTINGENCY BASIS FOR ATTEMPT TO PUSH IDF OUT OF AT LEAST PART OF SASSA SALIENT BY FORCE. SHE SAID SHE WOULD RESERVE HER JUDGMENT UNTIL LEARNING WHETHER OR NOT GROMYKO HAD INDUCED ASAD TO RENEGE ON HIS AGREEMENT WITH SECRETARY TO SEND SENIOR REP TO WASHINGTON LATER THIS MONTH FOR DISENGAGEMENT DISCUSSIONS AND TO INSIST ON CO-EQUAL SOVIET ROLE IN ANY FURTHER SYRIAN-ISRAELI SETTLEMENT EFFORTS. KEATING

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